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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: EXTERIOR WALL FOR AMBASSADOR'S NEW RESIDENCE PROPERTY

1. EMBASSY AND TDY RSO FROM JIDDA HAVE CONDUCTED COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF POST SECURITY IN WAKE LATEST THREAT AGAINST USG INSTALLATIONS HERE (STATE 9339). WHILE THERE ARE CLEARLY LIMITS TO WHAT WE CAN DO IN CERTAIN AREAS, WITH LATEST THREAT BEING SECOND IN FOUR-MONTH-PERIOD HERE, CLEARLY NO BASIC PRECAUTIONS SHOULD BE IGNORED.

2. ONE SUCH AREA REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION IS THE ADDITION OF AN EXTERIOR WALL AROUND PERIMETER OF GROUNDS ON WHICH AMBASSADOR'S NEW RESIDENCE NOW BEING CONSTRUCTED IN ABU DHABI (DUE FOR COMPLETION 8/76). AT PRESENT, WITH AUTHORIZED FUNDS LIMITED, ONLY WALL INCLUDED IN PLANS IS SHORT SECTION IN CONJUNCTION WITH ENTRY GATES FOR PEDESTRIANS AND VEHICLES. WITH LIKELIHOOD OF ONGOING UNCERTAIN SECURITY SITUATION HERE, THIS SITUATION CLEARLY TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE IN TERMS OF PROVIDING EVEN MINIMUM SECURITY TO CHIEF OF MISSION.

3. EMBASSY THEREFORE REQUESTS DEPT AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE TO COVER CONSTRUCTION OF PERIMETER WALL BY CONTRACTOR AS PART OF OVERALL RESIDENCE CONSTRUCTION. WALL LENGTH WILL BE SOMEWHAT OVER 200 METERS AND SHOULD BE TWO
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METERS HIGH. IT WILL COST BETWEEN \$10,000-\$12,000 (APPROX \$25 PER SQ METER). (WE WILL HAVE TO REQUEST FORMAL PROPOSAL

FROM ARCHITECT/CONTRACTOR BEFORE WE CAN PROVIDE PRECISE FIGURE,
BUT WISH AUTHORITY TO PROCEED FIRST.) RATHER THAN INCLUDING
THIS ADDITIONAL FEATURE IN CURRENT LEASE/BUY BACK ARRANGEMENT
WITH BANK CREDIT AND COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL (BCCI), IT STRIKES
US IT WOULD BE BOTH SIMPLER AND CHEAPER IN LONG RUN TO PAY
FOR WALL DIRECTLY UNDER SEPARATE AGREEMENT WITH CONTRACTOR.
IF IT WILL FACILITATE FUNDING, BCCI PREPAREOSINSTRUCT
CONTRACTOR NOW TO BUILD WALL BUT DEALY BILLING EMBASSY FOR COST
UNTIL AFTER JULY 1, 1976.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.
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